

## REMARKS

The application has been amended to overcome the examiner's objections and rejections.

Claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Sleamaker.

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 13, and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sleamaker in view of Pepin or Hsu.

Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sleamaker in view of Hsu or Pepin.

Claims 12, 15-16, 20, and 22-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sleamaker in view of Pepin or Hsu, and further in view of Lundin.

Claim 17 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sleamaker in view of Pepin or Hsu, and further in view of Westfall, et al.

Claim 25 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sleamaker in view of Pepin or Hsu, and further in view of Watterson et al.

Claims 21 and 27-29 were allowed.

Claims 8-11, 14, 19, and 24 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 was amended to combine the language of claims 7 and 8 thereby rewriting claim 8 in independent form including all the language of base claim 1 and intervening claim 7. The objection is therefore seen to be overcome and claim 1 is now seen to be allowable as indicated by the examiner.

Claims 2-6, 9-12, 14-17, 19, 20, and 22-26 depend upon and further limit claim 1, now seen to be allowable, therefore claims 2-6, 9-12, 14-17, 19, 20, and 22-26 are also seen to be allowable.

Claims 7 and 8 were amended to depend upon and further limit allowable claim 28, therefore claims 7 and 8 are also seen to be allowable.

Claim 13 was amended to depend upon and further limit allowable claim 27, therefore claim 13 is also seen to be allowable.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, claims 1-17 and 19-29 are seen to be allowable. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-17 and 19-29 is respectfully requested.

A Petition to Revive an Abandoned Application Fee of \$750 and the Petition to Revive are attached. No additional fee is seen to be due.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald W. Meeker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Donald" and last name "Meeker" clearly distinguishable.

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